Plan Ahead for a Gift Puppy

A puppy is warm, cuddly and affectionate — the perfect gift for Christmas, and a "friend" your child can grow and learn with.

However, the responsibility that goes along with owning a pet often isn't apparent to a youngster until the animal is in the home. If you're thinking about giving a dog as a gift this year, Ken-L Ration dog-care experts advise making a special effort in advance to be sure the pet will be well-loved and cared for.

Instead of simply giving a puppy for Christmas — and having your child suddenly discover that "Rover" must be fed, walked, brushed and trained — leave a "puppy care package" under the tree. Include dog food, treats, collar, leash, toys, a litter clean-up device, and a copy of Ken-L Ration's free educational booklet, "How to Care For, Train, and Feed Your Dog".

This 32-page publication uses easy-to-understand language and creative illustrations to explain the importance of well-balanced meals, grooming, obedience training, litter clean-up, regular health check-ups, and the dog owner's responsibility to the community.

It also has information on neutering and canine first aid, as well as a section on planning for a new dog's homecoming. (To receive this free booklet, write to: Ken-L Ration Dog Care Booklet, P.O. Box 6333, Chicago, Ill. 60677.)

Then, after the child is prepared for his new pet, let him help pick it out. This brings pride of ownership, as well as motivation to take good care of the puppy.

With proper planning, a Christmas puppy will become a long-time friend, and not just a toy a child may grow tired of after a few days. †

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a child's Christmas is a very special time

Baby's First Christmas

A first Christmas is among the most special occasions in a baby's year of "firsts." When a baby looks wide-eyed at a brightly wrapped toy or a shimmering tree, or coos at the sound of carols, the true spirit of Christmas captures the hearts of parents, grandparents, and family friends.

This is a time for starting family traditions that may be cherished and preserved for years to come. It's no surprise then, that new parents want their first family Christmas to be practically perfect. The child care experts at Gerber, with more than 50 years experience, have some tips to help that dream come true.

• First, be realistic about how much you can do to prepare for Christmas. Planning helps to avoid a last-minute rush, so begin shopping early. Order gifts through catalogs (many have unusual items) or by telephone, and have packages delivered when possible. If you take Baby shopping, choose a time when the stores are least crowded and Baby is well-rested.

• Since babies are babies only once, enjoy this special season with your little one. Write fewer cards, decorate quickly and let Dad try his hand at baking a few batches of cookies. By sharing these activities, Dad, Mom, and Baby will have more time to spend with each other.

• You can be sure that first-time grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins will be asking about the "right" gift for Baby. You can help by making a list of things Baby can use, and keeping it handy. Gifts needn't be elaborate, and since Baby's needs are so varied, there is almost always an item to fit everyone's budget. Small items, available in the supermarket baby department, include diaper pins, vinyl pants, cheerful bibs with a handy catch-all pocket and brightly colored sneakers. These are always welcome. Another suggestion might be a convenient "hot n' cold" electric feeding-dish, which can usually be found in the baby department of children's shops, discount and department stores.

• Practical gift-givers know that Baby always needs the next size of just about everything. Babygro provides clothing choices ranging from easy-to-wash, stretch-terry sleepers to equally easy-to-care-for, but elegant, velour outfits — all moderately priced.

• What would Christmas be without a special, new, stuffed friend or other toy under the tree? There are many factors to consider when purchasing toys. Safety, of course, is very important. Also keep in mind the baby's age and abilities. Be especially wary of toys with features that could injure Baby.

• When that long-awaited first Christmas dawns, be flexible. It helps to try to keep Baby on some kind of schedule. The excitement may tire little ones, so naps are a necessity. If you go visiting, take along a selection of convenient Gerber baby foods, such as strained turkey, sweet potatoes, beets or garden vegetables for Baby's Christmas dinner. Don't forget to have an adequate supply of diapers, formula, lotion, and a favorite blanket packed among the presents.

With just a little planning and a lot of love on your part, Baby should have a marvelous time. And, when you tuck your little one in Christmas night, you'll realize how very merry Christmas can be with a baby. †

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BABY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS is a time for wonderful discoveries. The experienced, child-care experts at Gerber advise parents to simplify Christmas preparations so they can share that very special day with baby. †

Housekeeping Tip for the Holidays

Your blender may be working harder during the holidays. To keep it ready for entertaining, let it clean itself. Leave the container in its base, half full with warm water, add ¼ cup of lemon ammonia and run blender for a minute or two.

Empty, fill with clear water and run blender again. Empty again, and dry.

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A Gift with True Christmas Spirit

With Christmas a season of deep religious meaning, and with many people especially among our youth, returning to the precepts of Jesus, there is no more important gift at this time of year than fine religious jewelry or a handsome Bible.

Holidays greetings to One and all!

MRS. ALMOND'S 4-H CLUB

The recreation leaders lead us in a song and games. Mrs. Marsh gave the people back their 4-H projects from last year. Mrs. Marsh also gave out certificates to the people who were in Share-The-Fun. Mr. Sweet gave out pine seedling farms. We saw slides on 4-H projects and Share-The-Fun winners, also pictures of 4-H camp. Then president adjourned the meeting.

Reporter, Rhonda Carter

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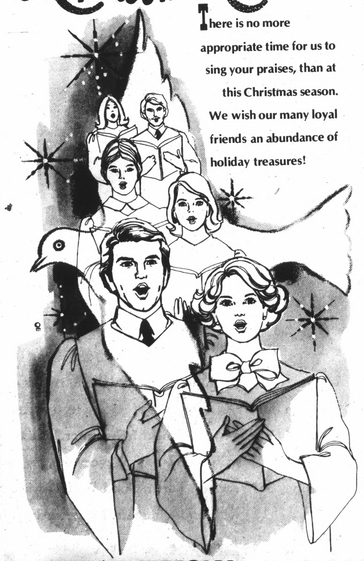

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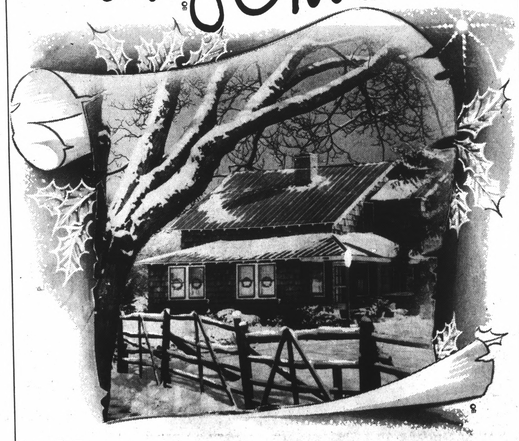

May the magic of Christmas unfold within your heart and home bringing special joys and remembrances. As this season of love and cheer arrives we extend warm wishes for a truly happy holiday.
Sincere thanks.

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A Visit from St. Nicholas

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And Mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes did appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name.

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donder and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away all!"

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His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

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He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

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He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all . . . and to all a good-night!"

— Clement C. Moore

Kiddie Gifts

Trying to be Santa on a budget? A good way to economize is to scour your local five and dime store for children's gifts. Kids love the inexpensive toys these stores offer, and so will your pocketbook!

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King! Let every heart prepare Him room... and heav'n and nature sing!

Best wishes for a Happy and Holy Holiday Season to all of our good friends. We hope the season finds you peaceful and comfortable.
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Guidelines for Hosting This Holiday Season

Don't wait until party day to clean house. You'll be too tired for your guests.

Don't get so wrapped up in one conversation that you forget your other guests.

Don't leave the television on when guests arrive . . . invited, or uninvited.

Don't force games, cards, TV or records on guests.

Do personally talk with each guest at least one time.

Do offer everyone something to eat or drink.

Do leave all your outside lights on; especially this time of year.

Do try to draw all guests into a conversation that's suited to them.

Do put yourself in their place. What would you expect at their house?

Original holiday decorations add to merriment!

For a shimmering effect, swag long strips of tinsel at the top of your windows, over whatever curtains or drapes are already there. Add glistening Christmas tree balls and you'll have a picture window that is lovely inside and out.

For a festive indoor window-sill box, fill a long planter with evergreens and tuck bright tinsel flowers thickly through the greens. You might also want to stand this Christmas garden on a long book shelf.

Hang a silver metal lettuce basket in some unexpected corner of your house, filled with large and small balls of colored yarn accented with gleaming Christmas tree balls . . . all silver would be spectacular!

A simple and sophisticated table centerpiece can be a conversation piece when entertaining. Fill a glass hurricane chimney with cranberries, kumquats or crab apples and top with a tuft of graceful seasonal greenery. Planked by graceful candles it is a lovely sight. If you're lucky enough to have a mantelpiece, this colorful arrangement will look charming on it as well.

Gift His Auto:

If he's on the road a great deal due to his job, here's a unique way of showing you care: present him with an emergency road kit this Christmas.

Your local automotive supply store can help you put together a kit that includes jumper cables, gas can, flares, flashlight and other helpful accessories.

Want an excuse for another party? — have a "Twelfth Night" party.

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